

THE DEAD SEA.

The Weird and Wonderful Beauty of a Much-Maligned Region.
(Theo. Cayler, in New York Evangelist.)

Our afternoon's march over the bleak, treeless and brown mountains of the wilderness was inexpressibly tiresome until we came in sight of the Dead Sea. It lay 2,000 feet below us—a mirror of silver, set among the violet mountains of Moab. More precipitous descents over the rocks and sand brought us, by sun-down, to the two towers of the most unique monastery on the globe. The famous convent of Mar Saba is worth a journey to Palestine. For thirteen centuries that wonderful structure has hung against the walls of the deep, awful gorge of the Kidron.

It is a colossal swallow's nest of stone, built to the height of 300 feet against the precipice, and inhabited by sixty monks of the Greek church—genuine Manicheans, and followers of St. Saba and St. John of Damascus. No woman's foot has ever entered the convent walls. Instead of woman's society they make love to the birds, who come and feed off the monks' hands. Every evening they toss meat down to the wild jackals in the gorge below. At sunset I climbed over the extraordinary building—was shown into the rather handsome church, and into the chapel or cave of St. Nicholas, which contains the gasty skulls of the monks who were slaughtered by the Chosroes and his Persian soldiers—and gazed down into the awful ravine beneath the convent walls. Some monks in black gowns were perched as watchmen on the lofty towers; others wandered over the stone pavements in a sort of aimless vacuity. What an attempt to live in an exhausted receiver!

The monks gave us hospitable welcome, sold us canes and wood-work, and furnished us lodgings on the divans of two large stone parlors. One of the religious duties of the brotherhood is to keep vigils, and through the night, bells were ringing and clanging to call them to their devotions. The vermin in the lodging rooms have learned to keep up their vigils also; and as a result our party—with one exception—a sleepless night. I have such a talent for sleeping, and like Pat, "pay attention to it" so closely, that I was able to defy even the fleas and mosquitoes of Mar Saba. By daylight the next morning we heard the great iron door of the convent clang behind us like the gate of Bunyan's "Doubting castle," and for five hours we made a toilsome descent of the desolate cliffs to the shore of the Dead Sea. That much maligned sea has a weird and wonderful beauty.

We took a cool bath in its cool clear waters, and detected no difference from a bath at Coney island, except that the water has such a density that we floated on it like pine shingles. No fish from the salt ocean can live in it; but it is very attractive to the eye on a hot noonday. A scorching ride we had across the barren plain of the sacred Jordan—which disappointed me sadly. At the place where the Israelites crossed and our Lord was baptized it was 120 feet wide; it flows rapidly, and in a turbid current of light stone color. In size and appearance it is the perfect counterpart of the Muskingum, a few miles above Zanesville. Its useless waters ought to be turned off to irrigate its barren valley, which might be changed into a garden. For beauty the Jordan will not compare with Elijah's brook Cherith, whose bright, sparkling stream went flowing passed our lodging place at Jericho. We lodged over night in a Greek convent (very small), and rode next morning to see the ruins of the town made famous by Joshua, Elijah, Zacharias, and the restoration of Bartimeus to sight. Squalid Arabs haunt the sacred spot.

The Pardon Mill as Run by Governor Foster.

COLUMBUS, O., August 10.—Governor "C." Foster dropped in on the Capitol to-day to draw his salary and see if the State Government was still running. The Governor is gone so much that he is quite a stranger at the Capitol. After being introduced to the hired men in the office, the Governor gave the pardon bureau a twist and turned the convicts loose. The persons pardoned all belong up in the Tenth District, where there is so much dissatisfaction with Governor C. Foster.

Last fall Governor Foster saved Welch from the gallows and sent him to prison as a part of an infamous political bargain, the understanding being that Welch's friends were to support Rice for Congress. The result in Sandusky county shows that the bargain was kept on both sides. One of the pardons issued to-day was Edward Innis, who was sent from Erie county for burglary and larceny. The pardon was conducted on the prisoner's leaving the State never to return. This kind of pardoning has a very suspicious look on the face of the proceedings. What right has Governor Foster to pardon a convict on condition that he leaves Ohio? This is banishment, and a violation of the Constitution. If the convict is not a proper person to be at large in the State of Ohio, he is not fit to be at large in any State. If he is not a proper person to remain in Ohio, he ought not to be at large. If he is not a fit person to be pardoned at all, why did Governor Foster pardon him? How many votes does he expect to make in Erie county by such a questionable transaction?

The attention of the Governor is called to the fact that this violation of the law is contrary to all precedents.

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The equality of all citizens before the law, equal taxation, impartial legislation, and a free and pure ballot as the corner stone of free institutions.

Opposition to monopolies and subsidies of all kind.

The strictest economy in National, State and local administrations, that labor may be likely burdened.

The maintenance and advancement of the Common School system.

Resolved, That the abuses of the present contract system in our State Prison by which the products of criminal labor are brought into competition with the products of honest labor, to the great injury of the latter, is unjust and vicious, and should be corrected.

Resolved, That the course of the last Republican Legislature deserves the condemnation of the people for its incompetency, hypocrisy, its unnecessary and heavy increase in the burdens of taxation, and for the passage of numerous pernicious and unconstitutional acts, and for its reorganization of the State solely for the purpose and as a medium for the distribution of spoils.

Resolved, That as the humanities are non-partisan, and as the treatment of criminals should be non-political, the management of the charitable and punitive institutions of the State should be free from partisan changes or appointments.

Resolved, That we are in favor of a civil service reform, whereby offices shall be held to the public trusts to be administered for the public good, not spoils to be enjoyed as the reward of partisan zeal or service.

Resolved, That the Democrats of Ohio, in this year as in all years, are in favor of the largest individual liberty consistent with the public order, and are opposed to legislation merely sumptuary.

Resolved, That the recent discovery of enormous speculations in high Federal places, and the Republican attempt to purchase votes by open corruption, should convince the country that the Republican organization is not worthy of public confidence.

Resolved, That the power delegated to the General Government "to regulate commerce among the States," as well as the power reserved to the States to regulate commerce within their own borders, should both be exercised to prevent unjust discriminations, and unreasonable charges by our railroads.

A tariff for revenue, levied and adjusted in its details with a view to equity in the public burdens and the encouragement of productive industries without creating monopolies; and we favor the appointment of a Commissioner to suggest methods of revision which shall accomplish this result.

The committee also recommended the adoption of the following, though not including it in the platform:

Resolved, That we deeply deplore the recent attempt upon the life of the President of the United States by an assassin and denounce assassination in a Republic as the highest and most revolting of crimes, and we extend to the President and his family our deepest sympathies, and our earnest hopes that a speedy recovery may be vouchsafed him.

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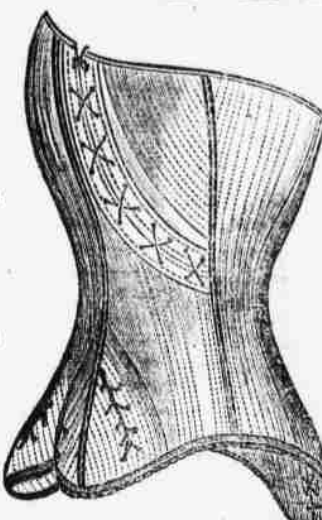
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